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**Cc:** Anna Weber[Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com]; Smith, Robert-Eu[Smith.Robert-Eu@epa.gov]; McWhirter, Lisa[McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov]  
**From:** Dermer, Michele  
**Sent:** Mon 12/14/2015 5:57:59 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Tentative Alon aquifer exemption meeting

Thanks Shari, I have no questions on your feedback at this time. I understand from the Water Board they are expecting to send a brief email to me today with some feedback on EPA's comments, which I will probably need to ask Bob to provide the okay for you to provide any feedback. Once that's all taken care of, we can make any revisions to the comments and send it to the applicant. Thanks, Michele.

**From:** Shari Ring [mailto:Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 8:18 AM  
**To:** McWhirter, Lisa <McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Dermer, Michele <Dermer.Michele@epa.gov>; Anna Weber <Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com>; Smith, Robert-Eu <Smith.Robert-Eu@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Tentative Alon aquifer exemption meeting

Hi Lisa and Michele,

## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Shari Ring

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**From:** McWhirter, Lisa [<mailto:McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 11, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** Anna Weber <[Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Anna.Weber@cadmusgroup.com)>  
**Cc:** Shari Ring <[Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:Shari.Ring@cadmusgroup.com)>; Dermer, Michele <[Dermer.Michele@epa.gov](mailto:Dermer.Michele@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Tentative Alon aquifer exemption meeting

Hi Anna,

Please accept this email as technical direction to review the attached document from the CA Water Board (see message below) and provide feedback to Michele Dermer and cc me on 1) whether you agree with the Water Board's comments and 2) if the Water Board altered any of our comments.

We can discuss this further on the call today.

Thanks,

Lisa

**From:** Dermer, Michele  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 4:53 PM  
**To:** McWhirter, Lisa <[McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov](mailto:McWhirter.Lisa@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Albright, David <[Albright.David@epa.gov](mailto:Albright.David@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Tentative Alon aquifer exemption meeting

Lisa, I would like to send this to Anna to get her feedback on 1) whether or not she agrees with the comments and 2) if they alter any of ours. I need it before the meeting next Wednesday,

should not take her more than a couple of hours.

Thanks, Michele

**From:** Harvey, Dale@Waterboards [<mailto:Dale.Harvey@waterboards.ca.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 4:29 PM  
**To:** Dermer, Michele <[Dermer.Michele@epa.gov](mailto:Dermer.Michele@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cregan, Alan@Waterboards <[Alan.Cregan@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Alan.Cregan@waterboards.ca.gov)>; Rodgers, Clay@Waterboards <[Clay.Rodgers@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Clay.Rodgers@waterboards.ca.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Tentative Alon aquifer exemption meeting

Hi Michele. Attached are some informal comments that our staff put together. Additionally, we have heard rumor that the reason Alon wants the exemption is because it intends to ramp-up operations and does not have the needed capacity. In addition to the attached comments regarding the AE application, we are also concerned that the existing injection project that we permitted was based on a specific design life of 20 years, which is long past. We do not know how far the plume associated with this injection has gone. I hope to bring this issue up at the meeting.